

1954-1955

# Garden Color *Unlimited*



TIFFANY



QUEEN ELIZABETH



JIMINY CRICKETS

## **CHRISTENSEN**

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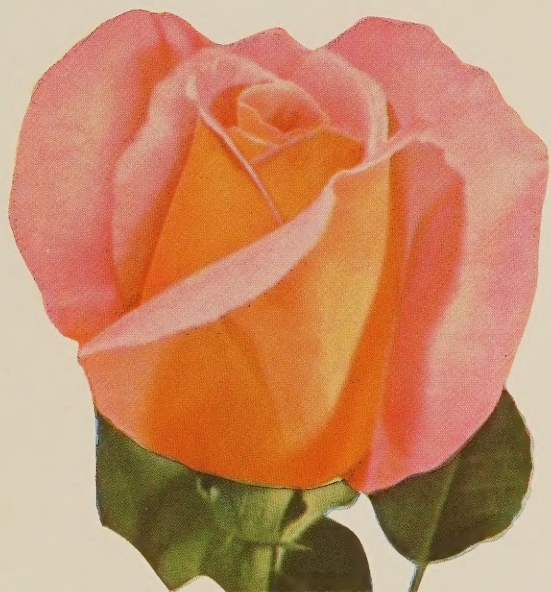
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# All-Time All



HELEN TRAUBEL



MOJAVE



CHRYSLER IMPERIAL

1955

AARS WINNERS ILLUSTRATED ON COVER

TIFFANY	\$3.00
QUEEN ELIZABETH	3.00
JIMINY CRICKETS	2.50

COLLECTION PRICE

ALL 3 FOR \$7.25

(\$8.50 VALUE)

## ALL-TIME ALL AMERICANS

CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG. A.A.R.S. \$2.25.

One of the finest roses. Extremely strong grower, buds glowing red, opening to deep pink.

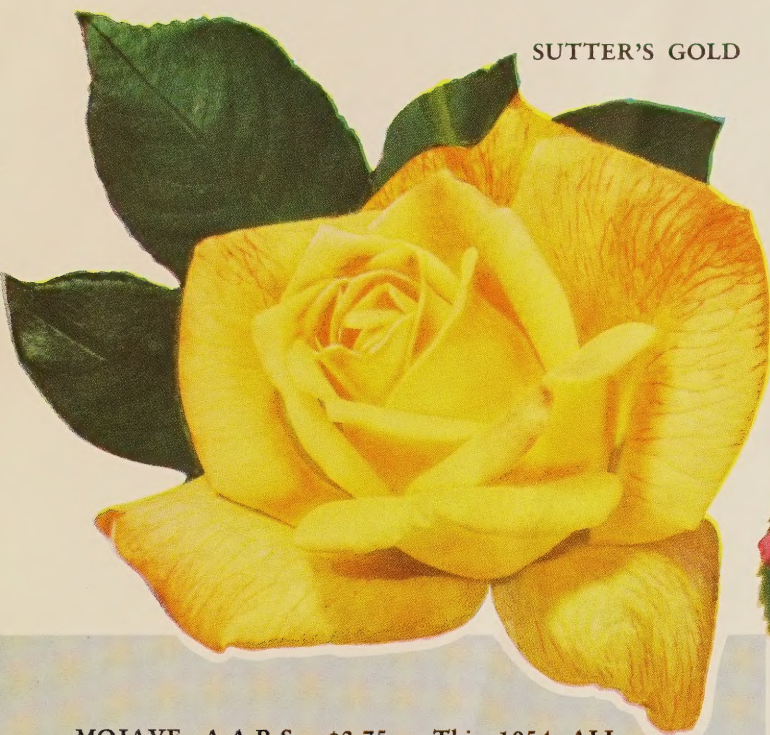
CHRYSLER IMPERIAL. A.A.R.S. \$2.50. Extremely deep red, tight, fragrant buds, unfolding slowly to a deep permanent red.

HELEN TRAUBEL A.A.R.S. \$2.50.

Long tapering buds varying from apricot to pink. Excellent foliage. Fragrant.



# Americans...



SUTTER'S GOLD



CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG

MOJAVE. A.A.R.S. \$2.75. This 1954 ALL AMERICAN is a sturdy grower with firey-orange blooms and brilliant green foliage.

PEACE. A.A.R.S. \$2.50. This rose is continually gaining popularity. The buds brilliant primrose-yellow. In full bloom petals are tinged cerise. Tremendously long stems with disease-resistant foliage.

SUTTER'S GOLD. A.A.R.S. \$2.25. High centered flower of richly shaded orange and red. More fragrant than most yellows.

COLLECTION PRICE  
ALL SIX ALL-TIME AMERICANS  
\$12.75  
\$15.00 VALUE



PEACE

## ROSES FOR YEAR AROUND PLANTING

Prices for roses in this catalog are for bare root plants (December to March). Most varieties available in containers March-November at slightly higher prices.



# *Favorites Throughout*

## **CHRISTENSEN**



CARROUSEL

### **CLIMBING ROSES**

(\$1.50 ea. unless otherwise noted)

**AUTUMN:** Burnt orange and pink.

**BLAZE:** (Improved Paul's Scarlet) Many clusters of scarlet red roses.

**ETOILE DE HOLLANDE:** Dark red.

**HIGH NOON:** \$2.50. Masses of deep yellow blooms.

**J. OTTO THILOW:** Rich pink.

**MERMAID:** Single yellow flowers on vigorous plants.

**MRS. E. P. THOM:** Canary yellow.

**PEACE:** \$2.00. Yellow, pink and white.

### **TREE ROSES**

Starred (\*) varieties available in tree rose form, \$6.00 each bare root, \$7.50 each in 5-gallon containers.

### **BUSH ROSES**

\$1.50 each unless otherwise noted

**AUTUMN:** Beautiful bi-colored rose, burnt-orange and pink, streaked with red. Strong, upright grower.

**BUCCANEER** ..... \$2.75

A gorgeous rose of deep yellow and very vigorous. High pointed buds on strong, straight stems.

**\*CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG** ..... \$2.25

**\*CHRISTOPHER STONE:** One of the most brilliant scarlet roses, with a velvety, crimson sheen. Will sparkle in your garden.

**\*CHRYSLER IMPERIAL** ..... \$2.50

**ECLIPSE:** One of the best all-purpose yellow roses, with long, streamline buds on straight stems. Abundant blooms.

**ETOILE DE HOLLANDE:** An old-time red favorite. Very fragrant and produces fine flowers for cutting. Very prolific.

**FIRST LOVE:** Dainty rose-pink blooms borne singly on long stems. Mildly fragrant. \$2.25.

**\*FRED EDMUNDS:** A fine rose for cooler climates. Twenty-five petals of burnt-orange, changing gradually to soft apricot. \$2.00.

**J. OTTO THILOW:** A very finely formed high centered pink rose. Vigorous and a constant bloomer.

**\*MME. HENRI GUILLOT:** \$2.00. With long, urn-shaped buds of coral and red, this lovely rose deserves a place in your garden. Mildly fragrant. Excellent for cutting.

**\*HELEN TRAUBEL** ..... \$2.50

**\*MOJAVE** ..... \$2.75

**MRS. E. P. THOM:** An old-time favorite yellow rose. Canary yellow, fragrant blooms. Very dependable.

**\*NEIGE PARFUM:** One of the most fragrant roses. Creamy white with faint shadings of lemon at the base.

**\*PEACE** ..... \$2.50

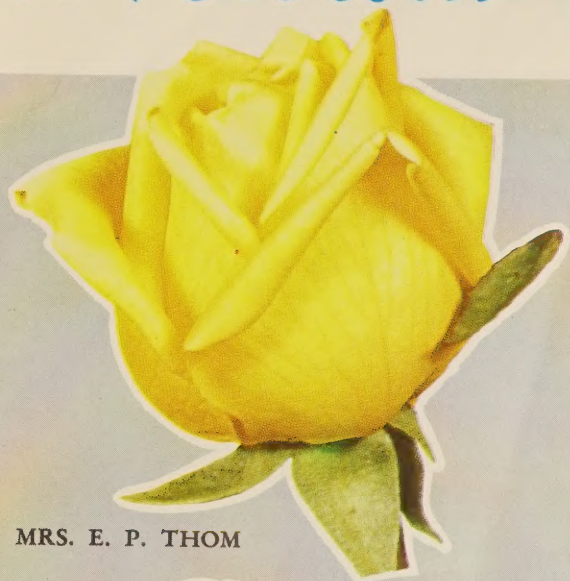
**\*PICTURE:** A pink boutonniere type in the tight bud. Excellent for cutting. Really worthy of its name.

**\*SUTTER'S GOLD** ..... \$2.25

**TALISMAN:** As ever, a garden favorite. The long pointed buds open to a medium size flower of blended red, yellow and copper.



# the Years...



MRS. E. P. THOM



J. OTTO THILOW



ETOILE DE HOLLANDE



LILIBET

## FLORIBUNDA ROSES

\$1.50 each unless otherwise noted

**CARROUSEL:** \$2.00. A vivid new rose that does not blue. Has proven extremely popular and worth while placing in your garden.

**CECILE BRUNNER:** The Sweetheart Rose. Tiny buds of light pink with yellow at the base of the petals.

**\*GARNETTE:** Small brilliant rose of about 2" in diameter. Has always been a favorite florist item.

**\*GOLDBLOCKS:** Possibly the best yellow Floribunda. With medium size and fragrant blooms in large clusters.

**\*LILIBET:** \$2.00. This rose is proving extremely popular. Soft pink buds opening to dainty pastel pink blooms with yellow stamens.

**MARGO KOSTER:** A very compact rose, producing orange-red blooms in huge clusters.

**SNOWBIRD:** A medium size white Floribunda. Quite fragrant and disease-resistant.

**VOGUE:** \$2.00. A proven Floribunda. Fine for hedging in producing large traces of glowing coral buds and open flowers.







# Bulbs for Vibrant Garden Color...

## EVER CHEERFUL DAFFODILS

### TRUMPET DAFFODILS:

Large double-nose bulbs: 12 for \$2.50, 50 for \$8.50 unless otherwise noted.

**KING ALFRED.** The most popular daffodil in the world because of its large size, its golden yellow color and its informal, pleasing shape.

Extra Large Jumbo Bulbs available: 12 for \$3.50, 50 for \$12.00.

**MRS. R. O. BACKHOUSE.** This is the famous "pink daffodil"; fine informal perianth of ivory white, and beautifully proportioned, slim long trumpet, apricot pink, changing to shell pink.

**MRS. E. H. KEELAGE.** Really a pale bi-color, but changing to a uniform ivory white. Smooth waxy texture and good form.

### LARGE CUP DAFFODILS:

**DICK WELLBAND.** The perianth is pure white and the cup flame orange. One of its most remarkable qualities is that the color does not fade but rather intensifies with age.

**E. H. WILSON.** A pure white perianth with a light yellow crown, changing to ivory.

**NOVA SCOTIA.** Very large, flat golden-yellow cup with heavily fringed deep orange margin, perianth creamy white.

**SILVER STAR.** Perfect broad-petaled star-shaped perianth of pure cream-white, wide-mouthed trumpet of primrose, changing to cream-white.

### SMALL-CUP DAFFODILS:

**DIANA KASNER.** A cream-yellow perianth and a large fluted yellow cup with blood-red frill, very free-flowering.

**NETTE O'MELVENY.** A dancing daffodil with pure white perianth and cup of clear lemon-yellow, with orange picotee.

### FRAGRANT JONQUILS

**GOLDEN PERFECTION.** Wide overlapping petals deep citron-yellow with mica sheen and cup of pure gold.

**TREVITHIAN.** An extremely fine free-flowering garden plant producing two or more sweetly scented flowers on a stem.

### CLUSTER-FLOWERED DAFFODILS:

**KLONDYKE.** Rich yellow perianth, darker cup, one of the finest yellows.

**LAURENS KOSTER.** Creamy-white petals, lemon-yellow cup.

### FLOWER BORDER MIXTURE

A special blend made up by our grower to our own specifications. The mixture includes all the popular types: golden and bi-color daffodils, frilled crown daffodils, single and cluster-flowered narcissi and jonquil hybrids. 50 for \$4.95.

## NEW NORTHWEST TULIPS FOR A PANORAMA OF COLOR

12 for \$1.50, 50 for \$5.00

CHELAN—red

YAKIMA—yellow

WENATCHEE—pink

TAHOMA—white

SHUKSAN—rose

MULTNOMAH—orange

QUINAULT—blue

CHINOOK—salmon

### PARROT TULIPS

FANTASY—pink

BLUE PARROT—blue

ORANGE FAVORITE—orange

RED CHAMPION—red

MIXED TULIPS—12 FOR \$1.25, 50 FOR \$4.50

## DUTCH IRIS

Large bulbs: 12 for 95¢, 50 for \$3.50

**BLUE HORIZON.** Soft uniform violet-blue with an Indian-orange stripe down the falls.

**GOLDEN BRONZE.** Falls are a deep bronzy-brown with a narrow stripe of gold down the center. Standard violet-purple. Tall stems.

**NATIONAL VELVET.** The first of a new strain of hybrids of a rich velvety-purple color and an orange stripe on the falls. Makes a fine, long-lasting cutflower.

**GOLDEN HARVEST.** The finest of the deep golden-yellow iris. A massive flower on tall strong stems.

**WHITE SUPERIOR.** A pure white of great size and beauty, superior to older white iris.

**WEDGEWOOD.** Blooms early with daffodils.

A favorite variety with soft blue flowers, orange stripe on the falls.

## QUINAULT

HYACINTHS: EACH 35¢, 12/\$3.50

Bismarck—lt. blue

King of Blues—dark blue

City of Harlem—yellow

La Victoire—red

L'Innocence—white

Pink Pearl—pink

RANUNCULUS MIXED

Extra large—12/\$1.50, 50/\$5.00

Large —12/ .75, 50/\$2.50

Small — 50 for \$1.25

ANEMONES MIXED

Single de Caen } 12/95¢,

Double St. Brigid } 50/\$3.50



KING ALFRED



TAHOMA

QUINAULT

YAKIMA

CHINOOK

CHELAN

ALL VARIETIES SHOWN IN COLOR AT NURSERY



## ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS



PFITZER JUNIPER



LIQUIDAMBAR

**ARBUTUS unedo.** (Strawberry Tree) Very desirable rapid-grower of massive habit when unrestricted. Dark green foliage resembles California native Toyon, but Arbutus more heavily clothed. Clusters of strawberry-like red fruits appear in fall with clusters of small, white, bell-shaped flowers. \$1.50.

**NANDINA.** Not a bamboo, but upright stems in clumps give that impression. Useful for restricted areas in sun or shade; beautiful in fall with red berry clusters and bronzy-red foliage. \$1.50.

**COTONEASTER parneyi.** Prized for its large clusters of exceptionally large dark red berries. Deep green foliage background shows off berries to perfection. \$1.25.

**PYRACANTHA graberi.** Large bright red berries on gracefully arching stems. Well clothed with dark glossy green foliage. A useful shrub for backgrounds and espaliers. \$1.25.

**PFITZER JUNIPER.** One of the finest and most adaptable conifers. Good for foundation planting; slope and bank cover. \$1.50.

**BUY ANY OR ALL  
FIVE OF THE  
ABOVE FOR \$5.00**

**LIQUIDAMBAR.** Fall's most spectacular tree. Handsome green foliage turns brilliant amber-red. 5-gallon containers: \$4.50 ea. Specimen trees available to \$25.00 ea.



PYRACANTHA GRABERI



## EARLY BLOOMING CAMELLIAS

1-gal. containers, \$2.95 ea.

5-gal. containers, \$7.50 ea.

**ALBA PLENA.** A large formal white. One of the most popular in Northern California.

**CHANDLERI ELEGANS** Var. Blotched pink and white, with a large crown in center, formed of many petals. Anemone form.

**CHANDLERI ELEGANS** Pink. Same as Variegated except solid pink.

**C. M. HOVEY.** A large formal red. Robust grower and a great favorite.

**DAIKAGURA VARIEGATED.** A very early blooming camellia, peony type, blotched deep rose and white.

**DEBUTANTE.** One of the most popular pinks. Very delicate in color but hardy in growth. Peony type.

**GRANDIFLORA ROSEA.** Another early blooming camellia, solid deep rose. Very prolific.

**POPE PIUS IX.** The largest of the red formals; imbricated double. A very fine growing camellia; compact, profuse in buds and blooms.

### SASANQUA CAMELLIAS

The earliest of all for sunny exposure. Available in pink, white and red. These Camellias make a wonderful hedge or border along the fence. Same prices as above.



POPE PIUS IX



DAIKAGURA VARIEGATED



# Fast Growing Home

\$2.00 each (unless otherwise noted)

LARGE 6-8 FT. TREES



RED DELICIOUS

## FLAVORFUL APPLES

- **GRAVENSTEIN.** The best late summer all-purpose apple. Medium to large size fruits with yellow skin, striped red; firm white flesh.
- **RED JONATHAN.** Most popular early fall apple. Size medium to large, shape rounded, with good solid red color, when ripe. Flesh crisp and juicy.
- **RED DELICIOUS.** Fruits large and tapering, excellent all-red color. Flesh tender and very juicy. Ripens in the middle of the apple season.
- **YELLOW DELICIOUS.** Fruits shaped like Red Delicious and of equal size, but skin is solid yellow. Flesh tender and juicy and flavor sharper than Red Delicious. Ripens somewhat later.
- **YELLOW NEWTON PIPPIN.** Very late and very useful. Keeps well, cooks well and makes an excellent eating apple when picked before fully ripe. Fruits medium large, rounded; flesh white and flavor sharp.

## FREESTONE PEACHES

- **EARLY CRAWFORD.** Fruits are medium to large in size and the skin is attractively blushed. Flesh is firm, juicy and sweet, yellow, red at the pit. Ripens early July.
- **ELBERTA.** More widely known than any other peach; good for eating fresh, canning and freezing. Skin of large fruits handsomely blushed flesh firm, juicy and delicious, red at the pit. Ripens middle to late August.
- **RIO OSO GEM.** By far the finest yellow-fleshed freestone for the late season. Ripens after J. H. Hale. Very large fruits are handsome. Flesh is firm, sweet and juicy. Equally fine eating, canning and freezing. September.
- **STRAWBERRY FREESTONE.** White-fleshed freestone with delicious flavor. Flesh red at pit; skin blushed red. Size medium to large. Ripens before Elberta.

## NECTARINES

- **GOLDMINE.** A very good nectarine for the early July season. Large fruits have skin heavily blushed red. Flesh is white, red at the pit, freestone, and heavily flavored with the delicious nectarine tang.
- **STANWICK.** The standard nectarine variety in California for commercial and home orchards. Fruits are large and handsomely blushed red. Flesh is white, red at pit, and entirely freestone. Delicious when canned whole or in halves. Ripens in August.

## PERSIMMON

5-gal. Containers \$5.00 each

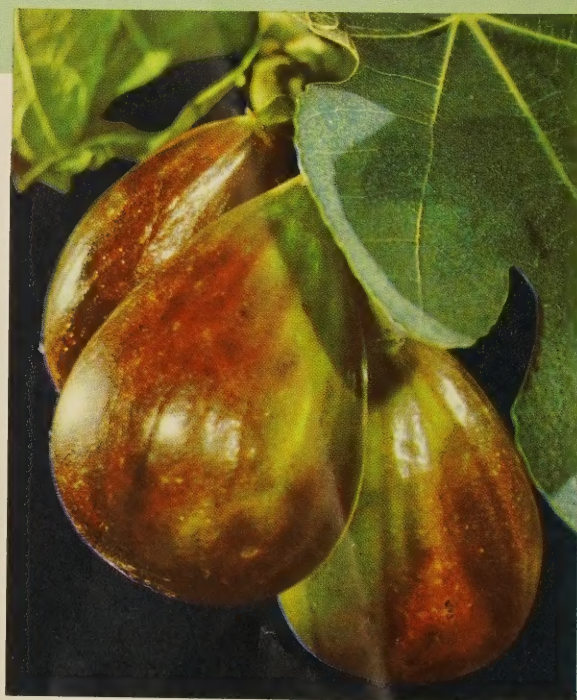
- **HACHIYA.** The best market variety and colorful and fruitful in the home orchard. Large conical orange fruits.

## PEARS

- **BARTLETT.** Every home orchard should include this variety for eating and preserving. Fruits medium to large with delicious tender flesh and yellow skin with pink blush.
- **COMICE.** The large, luscious late fall pear stored by commercial growers for Christmas shipping. Skin yellow, blushed russet-red; flesh firm and very juicy when fully ripe.

## CHERRIES

- **BING.** One of the leading black cherries. Deep maroon fruit, large and heart shaped. Flesh is very firm and sweet when fully ripened.
- **BLACK TARTARIAN.** Ripens earlier than Bing and produces abundantly. If picked from your own tree when fully ripe you will be extremely pleased with their delicious flavor.
- **ROYAL ANNE.** Leading canning cherry on account of its firm texture. A quick-growing fruit producing an abundant crop. Ripens after Bing.



BROWN TURKEY



# Orchard Fruit Trees...

## FIGS

- ✓ **BROWN TURKEY.** Flesh is sweet, a rich strawberry-red. Trees produce abundant crops. Ripens in early summer.
- ✓ **MISSION.** A popular variety. Trees grow erect and become very large.

## APRICOTS

- ✓ **BLENHIEM.** The leading California variety used for canning, shipping and drying. Flesh is highly colored, and quality very good. Ripens in mid-July.

## PLUMS

- ✓ **GREEN GAGE.** Greenish-yellow when ripe. Skin is tender; flesh is sweet and juicy. Ripens July-August.
- ✓ **SANTA ROSA.** Most widely planted plum in California. Flesh is fine-grained and juicy, deep red when fully ripe. Ripens in July.
- ✓ **SATSUMA.** Popular variety for cooking and home canning. Fruits are large, blood-red and very juicy.

## ALMONDS

- ✓ **NE PLUS ULTRA.** Thin shells and meats are elongated and tapering.
- ✓ **NONPAREIL.** The best known almond variety. Shells thin; meats plump.

## WALNUTS

6-8 ft.: \$3.75 ea.

- ✓ **FRANQUETTE (Hartley Strain).** The finest commercial and home orchard variety in Northern California.
- ✓ **PAYNE.** Popular because of its earlier commercial production. Quality good.



RIO OSO GEM

## GRAPEVINES

We have an assortment specially selected for our climate. 50¢ ea., 6 for \$2.50.

## BERRY PLANTS

- Thornless Varieties: 75¢ ea., 3 for \$2.00.
- ✓ Raspberries: 35¢ ea., 12 for \$3.50.
- Strawberries: 25 for \$1.75, 100 for \$6.00.
- ✓ Currants: 50¢ ea., 6 for \$2.50.

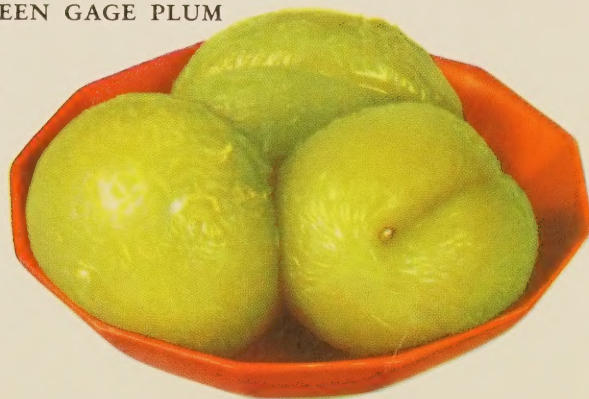
## DWARF AND ESPALIER FRUITS

Ideal for small gardens and cover for bare walls. Assortment available at the nursery.

## COMBINATION TREES

Three or four varieties of the same kind of fruit growing on one tree. We have several kinds of combination trees to offer.

## GREEN GAGE PLUM



## THREE-IN-A-HOLE

You can have more kinds of fruit in a small space by planting three different varieties in one hole. Full information on 3-in-a-hole planting available at the nursery.



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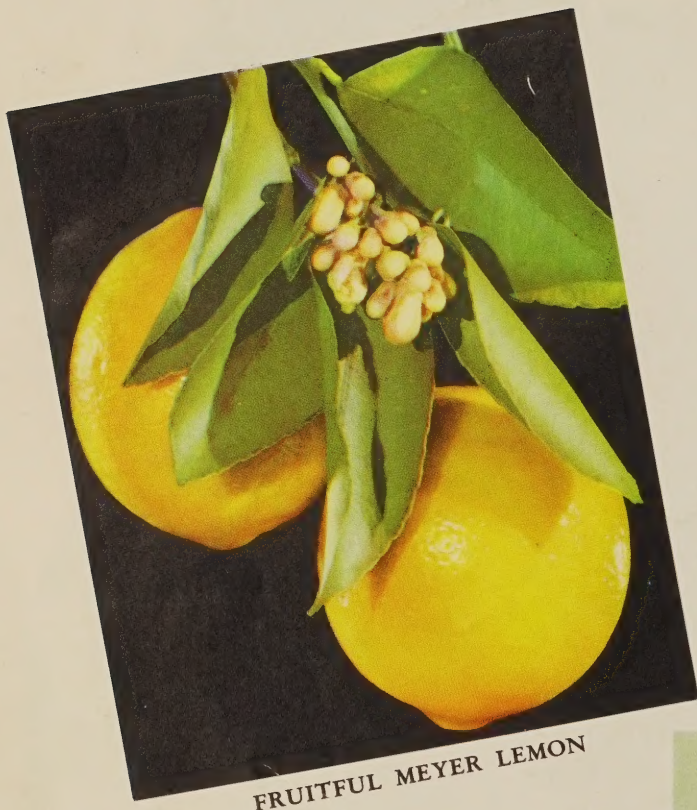
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FRUITFUL MEYER LEMON

## CITRUS FRUITS

All Varieties \$7.50 up

- ↘ EUREKA LEMON. Fruits and flowers are found on this variety through the growing season.
- ↘ MARSH SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT. Valuable in our climate for an ornamental tree as blooms and fruits are larger and more fragrant than other citrus.
- ↘ MEYER LEMON. Semi-dwarf. Covered with fragrant flowers in spring and summer; good supply of useful lemons in winter. Bush form in 5-gallon containers \$5.00; 1-gallon containers \$1.50.
- ↘ VALENCIA ORANGE. The finest summer-ripening orange, particularly enjoyed for its juice.
- ↘ WASHINGTON NAVEL ORANGE. Fruits are seedless, juicy, and make excellent orange marmalade.

## AZALEAS

Unsurpassed for blooms in winter and spring; ideal for holiday gifts as nursery-grown plants (blooms not forced). Choose from large-flowered Indica varieties and mass-flowered Kurumes. Complete color range available. From \$1.50 each.

## RHODODENDRONS

The aristocrat of flowering shrubs, ideal for shrubbery, borders and foundation planting. Handsome foliage for year-around enjoyment; spectacular blooms in April and May. A holiday gift supreme, since to be appreciated for years to come. From \$4.95 ea.



AZALEA BLUSHING BRIDE